

Hampstead Apr 17th / 04
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you know. Who would have thought of
this then? But good bye now dearest -
Yours Emily

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cross and fretty to night and I am very
sorry. All because Annie is such a cross-
ard about going to bed. It seems as
though there was no need of it. You can't
coax, nor hint, nor drive her to go to
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Yours Emmy

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you first went out, and I could have
a letter often, I should be almost happy
but not the kind of happy I am when
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then go to bed. I wish I could have
you come and stay with me to night
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thing wasted. And then, I got your
money to-day, and I want to keep
the hundred dollar bill very much
but if I do I can't pay Willson unless
Nelson can raise the "thirty" he owes
of me, and so I am kind of bothered.

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Oh I want to so much. I had rather
go without clothes than to spend it.

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you. It seems all so uncertain, But I
have been much more favored than you
poor darling, I have got ~~two~~ letters in my
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not heard from me at all. I have got
the head ache a little to night, and it
makes me "blue". When I feel so, I want
to cuddle right down in your arms
just as I did a week ago last Sunday.

When I am there, I am as unconcerned
about everything as you please. It makes
no difference to me how the world goes.

I am glad now that I enjoyed it what
little time I could. When you first went
away and I suffered so much, I almost
wished you had ~~never~~ ^{not} come home, but
I can think of it calmly now, and
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would be perfectly contented to wait
if it could be as I said last night.

And now my precious darling I must
close for this time.

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[written sideways along the left]

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